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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CENTO

SUBJECT: CENTO: MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO TURKISH FOREIGN  
MINISTER

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE PROMPTLY TO FOREIGN  
MINISTER OKCUN.

2. QUOTE: DEAR MR. MINISTER:

WARREN CHRISTOPHER HAS BRIEFED ME FULLY ON HIS EXCELLENT  
TALKS IN TURKEY LAST WEEK, AND, AS YOU KNOW, WE ARE MOVING  
FORWARD VERY PROMPTLY ON THE MATTERS OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE  
AFFECTING OUR RELATIONS WITH TURKEY.

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I HAVE BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO GREETING YOU IN WASHINGTON  
ON THE OCCASION OF THE CENTO MINISTERIAL MEETING. WE HAVE  
MUCH TO TALK ABOUT. I WRITE TO YOU AT THIS MOMENT AS A  
RESULT OF URGENT REQUIREMENTS WHICH HAVE ARisen THAT WILL  
MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO BE IN WASHINGTON ON APRIL 19-  
20, THE DATES SET FOR THE CENTO MEETING. I WISH TO LAY THE

MATTER BEFORE YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND CONSIDERATION,  
AND SEEK YOUR ASSISTANCE IN RESOLVING THE PROBLEM IN THE  
BEST INTERESTS OF ALL CONCERNED.

AS YOU KNOW, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN VERY  
HEAVILY ENGAGED IN RECENT MONTHS, IN THE CLOSEST  
COLLABORATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM,  
IN SEEKING AN EARLY, EQUITABLE SETTLEMENT REGARDING THE  
FUTURE OF RHODESIA. IN VERY RECENT DISCUSSIONS IT HAS  
BEEN AGREED TO CONVENE AN URGENT MEETING OF INTERESTED  
PARTIES IN AFRICA ON THIS MATTER, AND I WILL THEREFORE BE  
RETURNING TO AFRICA FOR DISCUSSIONS THAT WILL KEEP ME  
OCCUPIED THROUGH APRIL 17.

MEANWHILE, MY GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN DISCUSSING WITH THE  
GOVERNMENT OF THE USSR A NUMBER OF SUBJECTS OF CONSIDERABLE  
AND URGENT IMPORTANCE. IT HAS BEEN DECIDED THAT I SHOULD  
GO PERSONALLY TO MOSCOW AT AN EARLY DATE TO CARRY FORWARD  
THESE DISCUSSIONS. IN THIS CONNECTION, I SHALL HAVE TO  
ARRIVE IN MOSCOW BY THE EVENING OF APRIL 19.

AS YOU CAN SEE FROM THE ABOVE, THE NEED FOR ME TO BE IN  
AFRICA THROUGH APRIL 17 AND TO BE IN MOSCOW BY LATE ON  
APRIL 19 WILL PRECLUDE MY BEING IN WASHINGTON ON APRIL 19-  
20 FOR THE CENTO MEETING. WE ARE, OF COURSE, PREPARED TO  
GO FORWARD WITH THE CENTO MEETING HERE ON THOSE DATES.  
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AND IN THAT EVENT WARREN CHRISTOPHER WOULD CHAIR THE U.S.  
OBSERVER DELEGATION AS WELL AS THE MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE.

ON THE OTHER HAND, I HAVE BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO THE  
CHANCE TO PARTICIPATE PERSONALLY IN THE CENTO MEETING AND  
TO MEET WITH THE HEADS OF DELEGATION OF THE  
OTHER CENTO COUNTRIES. HAVING THISIN MIND, I HAVE DIS-  
CUSSED WITH THE FOREIGN SECRETARY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM  
THE POSSIBILITY THAT HIS GOVERNMENT MIGHT BE ABLE TO SERVE  
AS HOST IN LONDON FOR THE CENTO MINISTERIAL COUNCIL MEET-  
ING IN OUR PLACE, SHOULD THAT BE AGREEABLE TO THE REGIONAL  
MEMBERS. MR. OWEN HAS VERY GRACIOUSLY AGREED, AND I  
BELIEVE THAT HE WILL BE COMMUNICATING WITH YOU, THE OTHER  
REGIONAL MEMBERS AND THE SECRETARY GENERAL--TO WHOM I AM  
ALSO WRITING AT THIS TIME--ON THIS SUBJECT IN THE IMMEDIATE  
FUTURE.

IF YOU, THE OTHER REGIONAL MEMBERS AND THE SECRETARY  
GENERAL AGREE THAT OUR NEXT MINISTERIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
SHOULD BE HELD IN LONDON, I SHOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU AS  
WELL AS THE OTHER HEADS OF DELEGATION AND THE SECRETARY  
GENERAL TO BE MY GUESTS AT DINNER ON APRIL 18 SO THAT WE

MAY HAVE AN INFORMAL OCCASION TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF  
INTEREST TO US ALL.

I WOULD BE MOST GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD LET ME HAVE YOUR  
VIEWS. IN ANY EVENT, I LOOK FORWARD TO AN EARLY MEETING  
WITH YOU SO THAT WE CAN DISCUSS THE IMPORTANT MATTERS IN  
WHICH BOTH OF OUR GOVERNMENTS HAVE A VERY STRONG STAKE.  
SINCERELY, CYRUS VANCE END QUOTE.

3. REPORT PROMPTLY ANY REACTION TO ABOVE LETTER.

4. WE SHALL HAVE TO COORDINATE CLOSELY WITH HMG AND  
YOU SHOULD THEREFORE KEEP YOUR BRITISH COLLEAGUE CURRENTLY  
INFORMED REGARDING YOUR APPROACH. VANCE  
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